

Boiler Explosion

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the defect in the tube installation. No Bennington personnel could possibly have contributed to the casualty nor could they have prevented it."

Captain Yeung was high in his praise of the manner in which the crew reacted to the emergency and stated, "The prompt and heroic damage control measures taken by the surviving engineering personnel limited the loss of life and material damage."

Vice Admiral John J. Ballantine, ComAirLant, said, in a dispatch to the ship: "I want to express to you and to your officers and crew my strong feeling of sympathy and regret concerning the recent tragic accident in which eleven of your shipmates lost their lives. Such material failures are a constant hazard to you people, and I feel that these men who lost their lives have served their country as nobly and honorably as those who are fighting in Korea today."

"I have just talked with Rear Admiral Regan and Commander Cole and concur with their high opinions of the manner in which you have handled this difficult situation. The prompt and effective manner in which the casualty was controlled no doubt saved the loss of many more lives and is proof of the high spirit and devotion to duty of your men."

Ship's Schedule

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14-15 May-Enroute to New York

15-24 May-At Graveshead Bay and Bayonne, N.J.

25 May-12 July-New York Naval Shipyard, Brooklyn, Post Shakedown Overhaul

13-17 July--Graveshead Bay and Bayonne, N.J.

18-19 July-Enroute to Norfolk

20-24 July-At Norfolk

25-July-6 Aug.-Enroute Halifax

6-9 August--At Halifax, N.S.

9-14 August--Enroute Norfolk

All Crew's Dance Plans

The Astor and St. George Hotels and the Manhattan Center have all indicated that they will be available for the All-Hands Dance in July. Ens. T.C. Walbridge said Friday that his committee to find a location for the Dance will probably choose between these three.

"I want your ship to feel that this mishap, tragic as it was, should not deter them in their already commendable efforts to make the Bennington the pride of Air Force Atlantic Fleet."

What Lines!

Competing in the Miss Miami Beach of 1953 beauty contest is slender 19-year-old Lana Bashama. Sporting a zebra striped bathing suit, the sun-tanned lass gives a few pointers on how to pose for beauty finals.

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